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1. AUSTRALIA

FRASER TUES REAFFIRMED HIS GOVT'S REFUSAL HOLD OFFICIAL
INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF CLANDESTINE CIA OPS IN
AUSTRALIA; TOLD PARLIAMENT HE'S SATISFIED WITH ASSURANCES
RECEIVED FROM ELEMENTS OF OWN GOVT AND FROM PRES CARTER
PERSONALLY THROUGH US AMB THERE THAT NEITHER USG/ITS REPS
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INVOLVED IMPROPER/INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRY.
PREMIER ADDED HE'S REVIEWED USG ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA,
FOUND THEM "FULLY CONSISTENT" WITH INTERESTS/POLICIES OF
AUSSIE GOVT/PEOPLE (REUTER CANBERRA 5/24; WP).

2. MICRONESIA

WP ITEM REPORTS US MISSION TO UN HAS CONCEDED CIA HAS BUGGED MICRONESIANS INVOLVED IN NEGOTS OVER TERRITORY'S FUTURE STATUS. SAYS US NOTE DECLARED ACTIONS BEING TAKEN TO INSURE BUGGING DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

3. PHILIPPINES

DEFENSE DEPT ORDERED IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TUES INTO SECOND CHARGE OF BRUTALITY IN 2 WKS AGAINST SECURITY FORCES--17-YR-OLD STUDENT COMPLAINED HE WAS PISTOL-WHIPED BY POLICEMAN WHILE BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT ALLEGED THEFT (REUTER MANILA).

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) SAYS 2 "SEEMINGLY INSIGNIFICANT" HOUSE FOREIGN OPS SUBCMTE CUTS IN FOREIGN MIL AID PROGRAMS (FOR PHILS/NICARAGUA), DESPITE INTENSE DOS LOBBYING, HAVE CAUSED ELATION AMONG WASHINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. NOTES CUTS IN PHILS' CASE AMOUNTED TO LESS THAN 20 PCT OFF TOTAL 40 MIL DOLS REQUESTED, BUT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS CONSIDER IT NONETHELESS SIGNIFICANT.

WSJ'S CARLSON (PAGSANJAN) REPORTS SOARING BUDGET/COSTLY DELAYS SNARL MOVIE BEING MADE IN PHILS ABOUT VN WAR. FINDS PAGSANJAN RESIDENTS GENERALLY HAPPY WITH ATTENTION FILMING OF "APOCALYPSE NOW" HAS BROUGHT THEM.

4. INDONESIA

GOI TUES OFFERED DUTCH GOVT ITS GOOD OFFICES TO HELP IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TWIN HOSTAGE DRAMAS INVOLVING S MOLUCCAN GUNMEN (REUTER JAKARTA).

ACCORDING KUWAIT OIL MINISTER KAZEMI, INDONESIA ANNOUNCED OIL PRICE FREEZE AFTER MISTAKENLY INTERPRETING LETTER FROM VENEZUELAN PRES AS FINAL TEXT OPEC COMPROMISE PACT. KAZEMI DOUBTS JAKARTA CAN WITHDRAW FREEZE ANNOUNCEMENT, SINCE ALREADY INDONESIAN POLICY, BUT "I THINK THEY WILL KEEP SILENT NOW" (JOC, WSJ).

5. CHINA

IN PEKING, VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN MET WITH MASS LT GOV THOMAS P. O'NEILL III/OTHER VISITING YOUNG US POL LEADERS TOURING PRC (WP).

PRC PRESS TUES SPLASHED PIX ALMOST COMPLETED MAO MAUSOLEUM WHICH VAGUELY REMINISCENT PARTHENON. OFFICIALS GIVE NO CLUE WHEN OPENING, BUT SPECULATION RE DATE IS SEPT 9

ANNIVERSARY MAO DEATH (REUTER PEKING).

PRC/SOV DELS TUES AGAIN TRADED INSULTS IN GOVERNING COUNCIL
UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (REUTER NAIROBI 5/24).

NCNA COMMENTARY SAYS DEFEAT REBELS IN ZAIRE SERVED AS
CHECK TO SOV SUBVERSION AFRICA, BUT WARNED SOVS WILL TRY
OTHER "TRICKS" AGAINST ZAIRE/MOSCOW INTENSIFYING SUB-
VERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AND OTHER PARTS AFRICA
(REUTER HK 5/24).

TUES PRC LIFTED 10-YR BAN ON SHAKESPEARE/ANNOUNCED
PUBLISHING NEW CHINESE EDITION HIS WORKS (REUTER PEKING).
"PD" ALSO REPORTED PUBLICATION NEW CHINESE NOVELS,
REISSUE SOME BOOKS RADICALS BANNED.

SOV BLOCK AMBASSADORS WALKED OUT OF PEKING RECEPTION TUES
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NIGHT CELEBRATING "AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY" IN PROTEST
AGAINST SPEECH BY FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA. WALKOUT
LED BY CUBAN, INCLUDED ENVOYS FROM SOV UNION/OUTER
MONGOLIA/HUNGARY/BULGARIA/EGERMANY/POLAND/CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
AND FOLLOWS SERIES SOV PROTESTS AT STATE BANQUETS OVER
PRC ALLUSION TO SOVIET EXPANSIONISM--CODE WORD FOR "SOCIAL
IMPERIALISM" (REUTER PEKING).

6. JAPAN

USSR/JAPAN NITIALED INTERIM FISHING ACCORD 5/24; AGREEMENT
TO BE SIGNED LATER THIS WK AFTER DECIDING ON CATCH QUOTAS
(REUTER MOSCOW 5/24; WP).

AT REQUEST HOUSE WAYS/MEANS CMTE CHRMN ULLMAN, ITS TRADE
SUBCMTE CHRMN VANIK, ITC HAS STARTED INVESTIGATION INTO
PRODUCTION/DISTRIBUTION OF BASIC STEEL IN WESTERN STATES.
INQUIRY SEEKS DETERMINE EXTENT TO WHICH JAPANESE TRADING
COS HAVE ESTABLISHED FINANCIAL POSITIONS/ARE INFLUENCING
MARKET CONDITIONS TO DETRIMENT DOMESTIC INDUSTRY (FARNS-
WORTH, NYT).

JAPAN/US TO HAVE TALKS IN WASHINGTON NEXT MO RE JAPAN'S
DESIRE START REPROCESSING SPENT NUKE FUEL AT TOKAI VILLAGE
IN JULY. FIRST SUCH TALKS HELD IN WASHINGTON LAST MO
(REUTER TOKYO).

ANSWERING QUESTIONS BEFORE FON CORRESPONDENTS CLUB IN
TOKYO THIS WK, ENGINEERING HEAD JAPAN ATOMIC GENERATOR
CO/FONMIN ADVISOR SAID JAPAN HAS RIGHT REPROCESS/DO ANYTHING
IN NUKE FUEL CYCLE. SAID JAPAN PLANS TEST TOKAI PLANT

ON SCHEDULE. PRAISED CARTER FOR REMINDING WORLD OF NUKE
PROLIF DANGERS, BUT SAID TRYING BAN PLUTONIUM'S USE IGNORES
REAL PROBLEM OF DISTINGUISHING BETW COUNTRIES THREATENING
PROLIF/THOSE THAT DO NOT (JAMESON, LAT 5/21).

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TREAS SEC BLUMENTHAL URGES JAPAN/FRG MOVE CURRENT ACCOUNT

BOP FROM SURPLUS TO DEFICIT TO HELP STABILIZE INTL MONE-
TARY SYSTEM. TOLD LEADING NON-COMMUNIST BANKERS AT INTL
MONETARY CONF TOKYO THAT COUNTRIES IN SURPLUS MUST FOLLOW
POLICIES TO ENSURE MAX DOMESTIC GROWTH ALLOWING FOR GRADUAL
REDUCTION INFLATION (REUTER TOKYO).

MITSUMI VP JIRO FUKUNAGA TO BE NAMED VP US-JAPAN JOINT
VENTURE, "NIPPON UNIVAC CO" IN JUNE (UPI, JOC).

BANK OF TOKYO TRUST CO IN NY TO SPONSOR PLAN DESIGNED
PROMOTE EXPORTS TO JAPAN IN ORDER COUNTER WHAT JAPANESE
SEE AS GROWING PROTECTIONISM IN US. BANK INCREASING
FINANCE SALES US PRODUCTS BY JAPANESE TRADING COS (ELIAS,
JOC).

JOC CARRIES 3 SPECIAL ITEMS RE JAPAN-NJ TRADE. ROBERTS
(CHRMN INTL TRADE CMTE, NJ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) REMARKS
NJ/JAPAN HAVE LEARNED RESPECT/TRADE W/EACH OTHER W/O
HAVING NY MEDIATE AS 3RD PARTY. BRADY (CHIEF, NJ OFFICE
INTL TRADE) FINDS NJ/JAPAN HAVE MUCH IN COMMON--HIGH
LEVEL INDUSTRIAL ADVANCEMENT/FEW NATURAL RESOURCES/HIGHLY
SKILLED, PRODUCTIVE WORK FORCE/EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION
SYSTEM. LINCOLN (DIRECTOR NEWARK DISTRICT OFFICE, US
COMMERCE DEPT) CONCLUDES W/PREDICTION FOR SUBSTANTIAL
INCREASE IN US EXPORTS TO JAPAN. STATES US SUPPLIERS
SHOULD CONTINUE BENEFIT FROM INCREASING JAPANESE CONSUMER
DEMAND/REPLENISHING OF INVENTORY BY JAPAN'S DISTRIBUTORS/
RETAILERS.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WHYMANT (WP) REPORTS JAPAN'S NATL
RAIL SYSTEM HELPING FINANCE HUGE DEFICIT IN UNIQUE WAY--
BREEDING EARTHWORMS UNDER BULLET TRAIN'S ELEVATED TRACKS.
WORMS PRODUCE FERTILIZER, THEN SOLD FOR FISHBAIT/CHICKEN
FEED.

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JAMESON (LAT 5/21) DOES FRONT-PG ARTICLE ON JAPANESE KIMONO, WHICH WOMEN SELDOM WEAR TODAY. NOTES SCHOOLS EXIST FOR TEACHING FEMALES HOW DON TRADITIONAL DRESS.

7. KOREA

ACCORDING REUTER (SEOUL) AFTER 3-HR PARK MEETING WITH HABIB/BROWN, PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN SAID PARK ACCEPTED AS "ACCOMPLISHED FACT" PRES CARTER'S PLAN W/DRAW 33,000 US GROUND TROOPS FROM SK. PARK STRESSED PLANNED W/DRAWALS SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURE MAINTAIN DETERRENT POWER TO ENSURE PEACE IN KOREA/BUILD UP SK FORCES TO KEEP MIL BALANCE ON PENINSULA. CITES SPOKESMAN AS SAYING US PRESIDENTIAL ENVOYS TOLD PARK W/DRAWAL PHASED SO MIL BALANCE NOT DISRUPTED/COMMUNISTS NOT TEMPTED MAKE MISCALCULATION/SUPPORT PLEDGED FOR SK PLAN ACQUIRE SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE/US COMMITMENT UNDER MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY REITERATED/SK ASSURED AIR FORCE TO REMAIN.

REUTER DISPATCH ON HOUSE APPROVAL 3.2-BIL-DOL FOREIGN AID BILL NOTES, INTER ALIA, IT CALLS FOR PRES "TAKE ALL EFFECTIVE MEASURE" ENSURE ROKG FULLY COOPERATING WITH JUSTICE DEPT PROBE OF ALLEGED BRIBERY US CONGRESSMEN BY SK AGENTS/REQUESTS PRES REPORT TO CONGRESS RE EFFORTS SECURE SK GOVT COOPERATION WHILE INVESTIGATION LASTS.

8. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

MCARTHUR (LAT 5/19 BANGKOK) REPORTS CAMBODIA AGAIN GETTING INVOLVED IN FON TRADE. SOME THOUGHT BE W/COMMUNIST NATIONS, SOME INVOLVES SMUGGLING, W/OFFICIAL SANCTION. MOST TRADE CARRIED ON THRU HK, BUT WESTERN EXPERTS INTRIGUED BY VOLUME THAT APPARENTLY PASSES THRU ARANYAPRATHET. BANGKOK EXPERT ESTIMATES CAMBODIA MAY HAVE SHIPPED 2 MIL DOLS WORTH RUBBER ACROSS BORDER SINCE SEPT. ALSO CITES FE UNCLASSIFIED

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ECON REVIEW MAG'S ESTIMATION THAT CAMBODIA PURCHASED 3.5 MIL DOLS WORTH FON GOODS DURING 1ST MOS THIS YR--SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER LAST YR'S INSIGNIFICANT TOTAL.

IN 5/21 ARTICLE FROM BANGKOK, MCARTHUR REMARKS WHEN NY REP WOLFF NAMED DOZEN CHINESE/THAI BUSINESSMEN 5/17 AS KINGPINS IN HEROIN TRADE, HE ENRAGED BOTH LOCAL/FON DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENTS IN BANGKOK. WOLFF OBTAINED NAMES DURING THAILAND VISIT AS CHRMN HOUSE SELECT CMTE ON NARCO-TICS/GIVEN RED-CARPET TREATMENT BY AGENTS NOW EMBARRASSED BY HIS DISCLOSURES. OFFICIALS BELIEVE WOLFF DISCLOSURES WILL MAKE APPREHENSION DRUG DEALERS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

THAILAND'S TOP CIVILIAN/MIL LEADERS 5/25 VISITED US AIR-CRAFT CARRIER "CONSTELLATION" AS IT ARRIVED THAILAND GULF FOR GOODWILL VISIT. OBSERVERS SEE VISIT AS SIGN HOW THAI-US RELS HAVE IMPROVED SINCE INSTALLATION MIL-BACKED GOVT IN BANGKOK AFTER COUP LAST OCTOBER (REUTER BANGKOK).

LORENZ (JOC) DESCRIBES CHIENGMAI/ITS ALLURE TO TOURISTS. FROM BANGKOK, LAT'S AGINS (5/22) DOES TRAVEL PIECE ENTITLED "THAILAND: AN EXOTIC TREASURE OF GOLD AND SAMPANS."

VN NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED 5/25 ESTABLISHMENT DIP RELS W/SPAIN AT AMB LEVEL (REUTER HK).

9. GENERAL

LAWRENCE (JOC) REPORTS US SHOE PRODUCERS "PLEASED" W/CARTER'S NEGOTS ON IMPORT CURBS FOR KOREAN/TAIWAN FOOTWEAR, BUT NEW RETAIL STUDY PREDICTS CURBS WILL COST US CONSUMERS BIL DOLS WITHIN YR. AGREEMENTS PARE BACK US IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN/SK BY 22 PCT IN 1ST 12 MOS; INDUSTRY'S FAVORABLE REACTION INDICATES CONGRESS WILL NOT TRY IMPOSE HIGHER DUTIES ON ALL IMPORTED FOOTWEAR.

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

SIMON WINCHESTER (THE GUARDIAN) WRITES FROM NEW DELHI THAT RESUMPTION SINO-INDIAN TRADE RELS AFTER 15-YR BREAK HAS IMPORTANT GEO-POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. ASIDE FROM OBVIOUS ECON ADVANTAGES FOR INDIA, DEVELOPMENT BELIEVED UNDERLINE NEW DELHI GOVT'S DETERMINED POLITICAL NEUTRALITY/CHINA'S GROWING INVOLVEMENT IN SUBCONTINENT AFFAIRS. TRADING AGREEMENT QUITE MODEST/VALUE LITTLE LESS THAN 1.75 MILLION DOLS. BUT INDIAN GOVT SOURCES SAY OTHER/LARGER DEALS IN PIPELINE AND TWO ONCE BITTER ENEMIES OF '62 EXPECTED BECOME FIRMLY WEDDED TRADING PARTNERS (LAT 5/21).

GRIFFITHS (REUTER)NOTES NEW LEADERSHIP STRENGTHENING FOREIGN TRADE TEAM WITH APPOINTMENT 4 NEW VICE MINISTERS, BUT BUSINESSES STILL WAITING FOR PREDICTED INCREASE IN ORDERS. RE FIRST CANTON SPRING TRADE FAIR SINCE RADICALS' PURGED, OVERSEAS BUSINESSMEN REPORTED HIGH PRICES/POOR SUPPLY/ AND GENERALLY LOW LEVEL PRC INTEREST IN FOREIGN PURCHASES. OBSERVERS BELIEVE CLEAR PIX WILL EMERGE LATER WHEN SERIOUS NEGOTS BEGIN.

VARIOUS FACTORS BLAMED FOR POOR CANTON PERFORMANCE.

GRIFFITHS NOTES FAIR COINCIDED WITH NATIONWIDE INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE AT WHICH PRC DISCLOSED MORE DETAILS OF PLANS BECOME ECON SUPERPOWER. OIL SEEN AS KEY MONEY-SPINNER TO PAY FOR OUTSIDE TECHNOLOGY. MENTIONS RECENT SINO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT BARTER OIL/COAL FOR TECHNOLOGY MACHINES/BADLY-NEEDED HIGH-GRADE STEEL AND JAPANESE HOPES INCREASE STEEL EXPORTS TO PRC. ADDS PRC OFFICIALS DENIED ANNUAL SPRING/AUTUMN FAIR WILL BE REPLACED BY ONE PER YEAR, BUT INDICATED PATTERN SPECIALIZED 'MINI-FAIR' TO CONTINUE.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) WRITES THAT CCP HAS WARNED REGIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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LEADERS WHO'VE ASSUMED GREAT POWER IN POST-MAO ERA AGAINST RESORTING TO UNDERGROUND CONSPIRACIES AND ATTEMPTING BROADEN POWER BASES. "RED FLAG" ARTICLE REMINDS READERS OF TRAUMATIC PURGE NE AND EASTERN REGION PARTY BOSSES IN '55. TIMING OF ARTICLES SUGGEST MAY BE DIRECTED AT POLITBURO MEMBERS HSU SHIH YU (CANTON MIL REGION COMMANDER) AND WEI KUO-CHING (KWANGTUNG PROVINCIAL PARTY CHIEF). BOTH MEN FAILED ATTEND RECENT HIGH LEVEL NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE IN PEKING BUT REMAIN ACTIVE IN SOUTH WHERE LIVE/THOUGHT SUPPORT REHABILITATION TENG.

MATHEWS SAYS REFERENCES TO PURGE KAO KANG/JAO SHU-SHIH MORE STARTLING, SINCE PRC JUST REVEALED PLANS PARTLY REVIVE REGIONAL SYSTEM WHICH GAVE KAO/JAO MUCH POWER. NOTES HSU UNDOUBTEDLY INVOLVED IN CONTINUING DEBATE HOW QUICKLY ARMED FORCES SHOULD BE MODERNIZED. WITH PRC JUST RECOVERING POL BATTLES/ECON DISLOCATIONS 76, CURRENT DEBATES NOT ORDINARILY EXPECTED BECOME TOO HEATED. SUGGESTS HUA MAY SEE REGIONAL SYSTEM WAY ACHIEVE BALANCE DIVERSITY/UNITY. SAYS IF HUA STUDYING KAO CASE RE WHAT TO DO ABOUT HSU, MAY--LIKE MAO--DECIDE AWARD HIM IMPORTANT PEKING JOB/CUT OFF FROM LOCAL BASE/TEST LOYALTY.

11. KOREA

KAMM (NYT) NOTES US ASSURANCES GIVEN AS HABIB/BROWN ARRIVED SEOUL FOR TALKS. SAYS KOREAN OFFICIALS HOPE 3-DAY TALKS WILL PROVIDE DETAILS HOW US INTENDS CONTINUE SECURITY COMMITMENT TO SK. SAYS INFORMED SOURCES BELIEVE HABIB/BROWN WILL ALSO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ALTERNATE DEFENSE DISPOSITIONS BY US FORCES IN PACIFIC/US ASSISTANCE IN STRENGTHENING SK ARMED FORCES--COMPENSATORY MEASURES TO MAKE UP FOR EVENTUAL W/DRAWAL GROUND STRENGTH. FINDS CONCERN RE TROOP W/DRAWAL PRODUCED RARE UNANIMITY OF CONCERN IN SEOUL.

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MORITZ (SEOUL CSM) REPORTS HABIB/BROWN DISCUSSIONS W/ KOREANS, DESCRIBED BY US SPOKESMAN AS "FIRST STAGE IN CONSULTATION PROCESS"/EXPECTED DEAL WITH TWO PRINCIPAL AREAS: SPEED/LIMIT OF PLANNED WITHDRAWALS AND DEGREE US ASSISTANCE TO HELP SK BUILD UP ON MIL FORCE AS SUBSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING US PRESENCE.

SAAR (WP SEOUL 5/24) CITES OPPOSITION SOURCES AS REPORTING HABIB HAS ARRANGED MEET WEDNESDAY WITH KIM KWAN SUK, LEADING GOVT CRITIC. EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER NOTES HABIB WILL BE SEEING WIDE CROSS-SECTION KOREANS. KIM-HABIB MEETING WOULD REVIVE HOPE OF US SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RTS STRUGGLE AMONG DISSIDENTS WHO'VE SHOWN GROWING DISSATISFACTION WITH US EMBASSY/CARTER ADMINISTRATION (BUT TO LESSER EXTENT). KIM EXPECTED GIVE HABIB STRONGLY-WORDED ATTACK ON PARK GOVT DEVELOPED BY 60 DELS TO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CONFERENCE 2 WKS AGO.

SAAR NOTES KIM'S SON, KIM HA PUM, ARRESTED LAST MONTH/FACES POSSIBLE DEATH SENTENCE; ALSO FAYE MOON'S COMMENT RE GENERAL FEELING OF DISAPPOINTMENT IN CARTER AND HER VIEW THAT PULLING OUT TROOPS/GIVING ROKG ECON AID LIKE SAYING "DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO." SAAR NOTES AMB SNEIDER CRITICIZED FOR LACKING INTEREST IN HUMAN RTS ISSUE/APPROACHES TO SK GOVT INEFFECTIVE/UNENTHUSIASTICALLY EXECUTED. SAYS SOME FEAR TROOP W/DRAWAL WILL AFFORD PARK EXCUSE FOR STRONGER MEASURE TO REPRESS INTERNAL DISSENT.

HORTON (REUTER) NOTES HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCMTE CALLED HEARINGS 5/25 TO LEARN WHY SINGLAUB JEOPARDIZED ARMY CAREER BY CHALLENGING PRES' PLAN W/DRAW US TROOPS FROM SK. CHAIRMAN STRATTON SAYS PANEL WANTS FIND OUT WHY GENERAL FELT TROOPS W/DRAWAL WOULD ENTAIL RISK OF NK ATTACK/DOES NOT INTEND QUESTION WHETHER HE SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN OUT OR UNCLASSIFIED

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WHETHER PRES JUSTIFIED IN REMOVING HIM.

PRES CAME UNDER FIRE FOR FIRST TIME IN CONGRESS TUES OVER REMOVAL SINGLAUB. ASST REP LEADER MICHEL (ILL.) IN SPEECH CHARGED PRES OVER-REACTED/SAID ISSUE WHETHER GENERAL RIGHT/WRONG SIDETRACKED. MICHEL SAID CARTER DECISION W/DRAW TROOPS FIRST MADE IN HEAT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN/

NO EVIDENCE REACHED DECISION ON BASIS ADVICE FROM MIL EXPERTS.

NYDN'S WIEGHART NOTES PRES RECEIVED GENERALLY FAVORABLE REACTION RE SACKING SINGLAUB. SAYS REACTION SYMPTOMATIC WHY RECENT US PRESIDENTS PREFER FOREIGN OVER DOMESTIC POLICY. SUGGESTS PRES COULDN'T ACT SO FORCEFULLY/DRAMATICALLY/SWIFTLY IN DOMESTIC PROBLEM AREAS. PRES SEEMS HAVE LOTS MORE FREEDOM DEAL WITH COMPLEX FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, WHICH SEEM MORE REMOTE/LESS URGENT THAN PROBLEMS AT HOME. SAYS PROBLEM W/TABLE-THUMPING APPLAUSE FOR CARTER CLAMPDOWN ON SINGLAUB GIVE IMPRESSION GENERAL'S POSITION W/OUT MERIT.

WIEGHART SAYS GENERAL HAD NO INTENTION BEING INSUBORDINATE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THERE'S POSSIBILITY SINGLAUB'S ASSESSMENT RIGHT/CARTER'S WRONG. WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF SINGLAUB REMOVAL TAKEN AS SIGNAL DEBATE/DISCUSSION OVER CARTER DECISION PULL TROOPS OUT OF SK NOW OVER.

EVANS/NOVAK SAY GENERALS ARE FRUSTRATED OVER BACKSEAT ROLE. AS CARTER REBUKING SINGLAUB, RESENTMENT AMONG SENIOR MIL GIVEN STRONGER IMPETUS WHEN JCS BELATEDLY LEARNED ABOUT LATEST SALT PROPOSAL. SAY SITUATION UNHEALTHY/NOT FULLY COMPREHENDED AT WH.

12. AUSTRALIA

GOODFELLOW/MORRELL (LAT 5/19), OF "CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICY," DECLARE THOUGH HERRERA RELEASED, "THOUSANDS LIKE HER REMAIN IMPRISONED BY US-SUPPORTED REGIMES" AROUND WORLD. PLEAD FOR EXTENSION HARKIN AMENDMENT.

IN SYDNEY, JOC'S STOVE FINDS AUSSIE PAY/PRICE FREEZE CONFUSING, WITH FEW AUSTRALIANS CONVINCED IT IS ACTUALLY OPERATING.

13. ADD-KOREA NEWS

RUETER'S HORTON REPORTS MAJ GEN SINGLAUB, AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING 5/25, SAID SENIOR SKOREAN OFFICERS FEAR WITHDRAWAL US GROUND TROOPS LIKELY ENCOURAGE ATTACK FROM NK AND "I AGREE WITH THEM." ALSO TOLD CMTE HE HAD NOT EXPECTED TO BE QUOTED BY NAME IN CONTROVERSIAL WP INTERVIEW/ REGRETTED NAIVETE ABOUT DEALING W/PRESS AND HOW SITUATION "OBVIOUSLY AND JUSTIFIABLY DISTRESSED" PRES.

SK RELEASED 3,319 CONVICTED CRIMINALS/DELINQUENT

JUVENILES 5/25 IN COUNTRY TO MARK BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY; ALSO
LIFTED MIDNIGHT-4 A.M. CURFEW IN CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAY
(REUTER SEOUL). VANCE

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